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SUBJ: TRAVEL OF NIOC EXECUTIVES

1. DR. PARVIZ MINA, NIOC DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS, WILL BEGIN ROUND-THE-WORLD TRIP WITHIN NEXT FEW DAYS. TRIP, DESCRIBED TO US AS "VERY CONFIDENTIAL," APPARENTLY ORIENTED TOWARD CRUDE OIL MARKETING. WE DO NOT KNOW DETAILS OF TRIP, BUT UNDERSTAND THAT MINA IS GOING OR HAS GONE TO PARIS, AND FROM THERE WILL CONTINUE TO LONDON AND NEW YORK ACCOMPANIED BY AIDE, BAHRAM CHUBIN, AND INTERNATIONAL MARKETING CHIEF HASSAN IZADI. CHUBIN WILL RETURN TO TEHRAN FROM NEW YORK, WHILE MINA AND IZADI CONTINUE ON. ONE PURPOSE OF VISIT TO US MAY BE TO DISCUSS PROPOSED OIL BARTER DEALS WITH U.S. DEFENSE CONTRACTORS.

2. CHUBIN AND NIOC AFFILIATED COMPANIES AFFAIRS CHIEF, NAGHI BANIRIAH, DEPARTED MARCH 17 FOR CIEC ENERGY COMMISSION MEETINGS. BOTH MEN ARE CLOSE TO DR. MINA AND BARRIRRIAH IS HIGH-RANKING AND INFLUENTIAL NIOC EXECUTIVE. CHUBIN HAS BEEN ONE OF OUR MOST VALUABLE CONTACTS HERE. BARRIRRIAH IS EXTREMELY BRIGHT, CONFIDENTIAL

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SOMEWHAT ABRASIVE MAN, WHO TENDS TO SPEAK HIS MIND BLUNTLY. U.S.

DEL TO ENERGY COMMISSION MAY FIND BOTH CHUBIN AND BARRIRRIAH TO BE
USEFUL AND INTERESTING CONTACTS. WE ARE UNCERTAIN WHETHER MINA
INTENDS TO PARTICIPATE AT ALL IN ENERGY COMMISSION MEETINGS.

3. FOREGOING SHOULD BE HELD CLOSELY.
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